

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

[Docket No. 92-64; Notice 12]

**Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collections of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal Agencies must solicit public comment on the proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES.** Comments must refer to the docket and notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to the Docket Section, Room 5109, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested, but not required, that one original plus two copies of the comments be provided. The Docket hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Complete copies of each NHTSA request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Mr. Edward Kosek, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Kosek's telephone number is (202) 366-2589. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Clearance Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collections of information:

*Title*—American Automobile Labeling Act.

*Type of Request*—New collection.  
*OMB Clearance Number*—New collection.

*Form Number*—This collection of information uses no standard forms.

*Requested Expiration Date of Approval*—Three years from approval date.

*Summary of the Collection of Information*—NHTSA will conduct three surveys to collect information from potential and actual purchasers of new passenger cars, light trucks, and multipurpose passenger vehicles; new vehicle dealers; and domestic and foreign-based manufacturers of these vehicles.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information*—Under Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review" NHTSA is required to conduct periodic evaluations to assess the effectiveness of its existing regulations and programs. Since this regulation has been in effect for at least a full year, NHTSA intends to collect data through the administration of three surveys, to evaluate the effectiveness of the American Automobile Labeling Act.

*Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information*—NHTSA estimates that at least 6,250 telephone calls will be made to consumers, with a target for successfully completed responses of 800 persons. NHTSA estimates that 300 vehicle dealers will be contacted to obtain 200 completed responses. NHTSA anticipates that about 23 vehicle manufacturers will be affected by the reporting requirements. NHTSA does not believe any of these

manufacturers is a small business (i.e., one that employs less than 500 persons) since each manufacturer employs more than 500 persons. Each of the surveys is a one-time collection.

*Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information*—NHTSA estimates that the total reporting burden for consumers will amount to approximately 224 hours. The total information collection burden on dealers will amount to approximately 1,650 hours, and the total information collection burden on all manufacturers will amount to approximately 230 hours. The total reporting burden for this project is estimated at 2,104 hours; the total recordkeeping costs for the one-time collection of information is estimated at \$53,705.00

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****Announcing the Fourth Meeting of the Crashworthiness Subcommittee of the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Meeting announcement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the fourth meeting of the Crashworthiness Subcommittee of the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee (MVSAC). MVSAC established this Subcommittee at the April 1992 meeting to examine research questions regarding crashworthiness of vehicles under 10,000 pounds GVW.

**DATE AND TIME:** The meeting is scheduled for August 20, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in room 8236 of the U.S. Department of Transportation building, which is located at 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In May 1987, the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee was established. The purpose of the Committee is to provide an independent source of ideas for safety research. MVSAC will provide information, advice, and recommendations to NHTSA on matters